

September 2018

Fall into Family Fun in Tempe

With school back in session and the weather beginning to cool down, it's (finally) looking like fall in Tempe. This issue of Connecting Tempe features some of the great spaces and activities offered throughout the city to help you and your family get out and explore your cool surroundings.



GLOWING ADVENTURES ON THE LAKE



Make your next family outing one the kids will always remember. Join us for the wildest and brightest events on Tempe Town Lake from 7 – 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14 and 28. Glow Paddles are open to ages 10+ (17 and under must be accompanied by an adult).

All kayaking equipment and glow-in-the-dark accessories are provided. Space is limited. Visit www.tempe.gov/boating for more information.

SWING BY FOR A GOOD TIME

Grab the gang and head over to the Kiwanis Batting Range for a cool evening of hitting. The newly renovated range features 10 lighted baseball/softball cages and pitching machines that reach up to 75 mph.

With 14 pitches for only \$1.25 and free equipment, it's sure to be a hit! Open daily from 5 - 9 p.m. For more info, visit www.tempe.gov/BattingRange.



MAKE A BIG SPLASH

You can still have a splashing good time at any of Tempe's four splash pads through the end of October!

The Neighborhood Splash Pads are filled with play equipment, water buckets and spray features perfect for families and young children to run around and cool off. They can be found at Esquer, Hudson and Jaycee parks.

The Cloud at Kiwanis Park keeps you cool with water loops, jelly sticks and misting sprays. It features a "storm" sequence, interactive water play with lights and sound, as well as shade.



Admission is free. Open daily from 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/pools.

ADAPTED REC FRIDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Tempe's Adapted Recreation program offers social activities the 1st and 2nd Friday evenings of the month. Individuals with developmental disabilities ages 13 years and older are invited to join in the fun!

This September, test your luck at Bingo on Friday, Sept. 7. Then show off those cool dance moves at the Fabulous Friday Night Social Dance on Friday, Sept. 14.

Join us for a fun flick at Movie Night on Friday, Oct. 5. Dress up for the Halloween Themed Fabulous Friday Night Dance on Friday, Oct. 12. For more information on Tempe's Adapted Recreation program, visit www.tempe.gov/AdaptedRecreation.



DROP IN ACTIVITIES OFFER CONVENIENT WAYS TO GET FIT



Stay active and fit this season by participating in one of the many drop-in exercise classes offered around Tempe. Classes include *Zumba*, *Pilates*, and *MixedFit*. These low-commitment and flexible options provide the perfect opportunity to work out on a busy schedule. Read more information about these classes and when they are offered on page 39 of the [Tempe Opportunities Brochure](#).

Check out the different options for drop-in sports, such as volleyball and pickleball. Players of all levels are welcome, and teams are formed onsite. *Volleyball* and *Pickleball* are both offered at the [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#), [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#) and [North Tempe Multi-Generational Center](#). For more information about the days and times of drop-in sports, visit page 43 of the [Tempe Opportunities Brochure](#) or call 480.350.5200.

ENJOY CALM AND COOL WATERS AT KRC

Stay cool swimming this fall with the Kids Swim Free promotion at the [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#). Bring your family and enjoy the calm waters during the Midday Session from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The Evening Session will run from 5 - 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, beginning Oct. 3.

Up to two children, 10-years-old and younger, receive free admission with each paid adult admission (\$4). The program runs through Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018. For more information, visit www.tempe.gov/kiwanis.



PARENT AND TODDLER PLAY TIME



The [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#) offers a multitude of parent-child classes, such as *Block Party*, where you use blocks to learn and play in a fun way.

Participants create make-and-take art projects featuring fun materials in *Art Party* and the *Parent/Toddler Music Time* provides age-appropriate instruments to keep you singing, dancing and having fun!

Visit pages 6-9 in the [Tempe Opportunities Brochure](#) for more information.

Check out *Fall Fiestas*, a series of four pay-as-you-go classes that teach fun facts about upcoming holidays while providing crafts and treats. The first class, *Garden Games*, will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 19. Then join us on Oct. 17 for *Spooky Fun*, Nov. 21 for *Turkey Time* and Dec. 19 for *Winter Fun*.



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



September is deemed National Preparedness Month by the Department of Homeland Security, making it the perfect time to sign up for a special skills class.

This month, focus on planning for unexpected events and take the time to learn lifesaving skills.

The Babysitter and Childcare Safety Training plus CPR/AED/FA class provides participants with the knowledge, skills and confidence to care for infants and school-aged

children. Classes are offered on Saturday, Sept. 22 and Oct. 27. Sign up at www.tempe.gov/brochure.

FALL REGISTRATION CONTINUES

It's not too late to sign up for a program, so be sure to check out the Fall 2018 Tempe Opportunities brochure to find an activity that's right for you and your family.

Swimmers of all ages looking to learn how to swim or brush-up on their technique can find the right lesson.



Young All-Stars will learn the fundamentals of the game while working on sportsmanship and teambuilding, and older athletes continue to develop skills and techniques while learning advanced strategies and plays in Tempe's Youth Sports programs.

Budding engineers will have a blast designing, building and mechanizing simple structures and bots, and working as a team in a variety of STEAM programs.

Registration is going on now at www.tempe.gov/brochure.

SPELLING BEE FOR STUDENTS

With school back in full swing, it's the perfect time to help your child brush up on their spelling. Spelling bees across the nation help students improve spelling, increase vocabularies and develop lifelong skills, as described by the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

On Thursday, Sept. 20, Stop by the [Escalante Multi-Generational Center](#) for the annual Spelling Bee from 4 - 6 p.m. Participants will compete with other students in their grade level and possibly win prizes. Entry fee is \$2. Call 480.350.8500 for more information.



HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITY



Tempe's annual Family Halloween Carnival is a great way for local non-profits and civic groups to raise money while providing an entertaining experience for the community.

The carnival, which attracts more than 5,000 annual visitors, will be held at the Kiwanis Softball Complex on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018. If your organization is interested in hosting a fun interactive carnival-style booth visit www.tempe.gov/FamilyFun for more details.

REC PLAYMAKER: NATHAN STOUGH

Participating in Tempe’s youth recreation programs is more than just a fun family activity. It teaches new skills, inspires ambition and provides a foundation for youth to explore their interests and pursue their passions.

Nathan Stough found exactly that when he joined a flag football team eight years ago. Now, Stough is the varsity football coach at Tempe Preparatory Academy, his alma mater.

“I was enrolled in one of the first flag football programs that Coach Keyon [Cornejo] began. It’s cool how that process began so early.”

Given that Stough started his football career through the City of Tempe, it is only natural for him to end up back where he started. He attributes his success to the relationships he formed and the skills he acquired during his time with Coach Cornejo.

“I have to give credit to Coach Keyon because without him, I would not have loved the game as much as I did. That flag football team started it all for me. Coach gave me all the opportunities to become a better coach, expand my love for the game and help me get to the level I am right now. If I didn’t have the flag football experience with Keyon, I wouldn’t have had the experience to get the varsity job.”

Click here to read the full article on Nathan Stough.



“As a coach, the best way to learn is being a player first—those two go hand-in-hand.”



TEMPE REMEMBERS SEPT. 11

In memory of those who perished on September 11, 2001, the Exchange Club of Tempe, with the City’s support, will present the 15th annual Healing Field® tribute Saturday, Sept. 8 through Tuesday, Sept. 11.

The Healing Field® is a unique memorial that gives the community the opportunity to reflect on the tragedy of that day and pay tribute to the nearly 3,000 innocent lives that were lost. For a list of ceremonies and events, visit www.TempeHealingField.org.



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